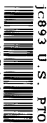


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5. ☒ Enclosed are 30 sheet(s) of drawings.
6. ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
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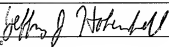
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